

JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2023

Here are some key events to start the year.

Continuing the Fear Not Curriculum—Jan 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 20 - 10 a.m.—Making sandwiches. Bring 2 loaves of bread.

Jan 21—Pulpit Swap with Beth-El Mennonite Church; Pastor Jordan Farrell

Jan 24—6:30 p.m. Budget Meeting

Jan 28 – Vista Grande’s **Annual Meeting**; immediately following the worship service.

Feb 4—Agape Meal

Feb 14—8 a.m. Men's Breakfast at IHOP

Our Mission Fest Tree

The results:

One Nation – Elder Boxes - 30 boxes.

Los Pobres – 27 Walmart gift cards @ \$25 = \$675

Family Promise - 13 gas cards for King Soopers and 6 cards for CVS for pharmacy needs; these cards totaled \$400.

Inside Out – New Makeup of all kinds

Chinook Center – People’s Grocery – canned goods, pasta, rice, noodles

Spreading Sandwiches and Smiles – hats, scarves, gloves, handwarmers, and coats - delivered

Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday January 28 following the worship service...

Agenda:

Prayer

Call to order

Approve January Annual Mtg 2023 minutes – call for vote

Reading of our Vision Statement

Introduction of Executive Council members

--Exiting, and oncoming nominees

--Discussion of Executive Council vacancies

--New council member nominees-call for vote

Staff update

Year in review

--Moderator report

--Pastor update

Budget discussion (The full financial report will come out in one week.)

-- Discussion, fundraising and other ideas

-- Call for vote

Call for any new business – vote as deemed necessary

Adjournment

Birthdays and Anniversaries.

January

8 Stella Bongirno #3
12 Jeannie Harrington
12 John Tinsley
18 David Bristow
20 Zach Davis
23 Josiah Cross #3
29 Bill King

February

5 Brigit
11 Sandra Gates
15 TJ Spencer #6
18 Linda Allen
19 Jerima King
27 Lori Gardner
28 Rosemary McBride

Happy Anniversary!

January 9 Jud and Maggie Jusell

Feb 14 Carol and Phil Puterbaugh

2023 Executive Council:

Open Positions: Treasurer,

Nominated Positions: Recording Clerk: Dana Zimmerman

Continuing Positions: Moderator: David Lee; Assistant Moderator: David Nath; Financial Secretary: Denise Lee; Members-at-Large: Linda Allen and Carol Burbank

Our core values as discerned by the executive council:

- Connecting with the Divine
- Engaging in community
- Fostering diversity
- Embodying our values
- Leading with care

Vista Grande's Vision Statement – adopted April 13, 2020

"We covenant together to imagine and live into a world where God's Kin-dom vision of human and planetary flourishing comes to pass through the work of love, justice, peace, equality, and extravagant hospitality. We envision nothing less than a world restored to wholeness, wellness, joy, and gratitude for all of God's Creation."